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Applicant(s) : Steven M. Hoffberg  
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For : ADAPTIVE PATTERN RECOGNITION BASED  
CONTROLLER APPARATUS AND METHOD AND  
HUMAN-FACTORED INTERFACE THEREFORE  
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Examiner : ~~Vocht, Emmanuel T.~~ Hartman, Jr.

January 6, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
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## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2004, applicants respond as follows:

Applicants have previously provided, in a Communication dated October 8, 2004, a copy of correspondence originally sent on March 19, 2004. That Communication and its attachment are expressly incorporated herein by reference, and forms a part of the present response, in particular addressing the "Interference" issues on pages 4-6 of the outstanding Office Action.

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